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**PLASTER-OF-PARIS AND HOW TO USE IT.**—By Martin W. Ware, M.D., Adjunct Attending Surgeon Mount Sinai Hospital; Surgeon to the Good Samaritan Dispensary; Instructor of Surgery, The New York Post-Graduate Medical School. Second Edition, revised and enlarged. Price, cloth, \$1.25; leather, \$2.50. Surgery Publishing Co., New York.

The exhaustion of the first edition and the persistent demand for this helpful book are the incentives which moved the author to give us the second edition; and he has taken the opportunity to rewrite the whole, enlarging and extending the subject matter and introducing new illustrations and marginal notes; the latter as in the original volume being done in red serve the double purpose of attracting attention to the subject and embellishing the book.

Under the heading Plaster-of-Paris Bandages, one is given the history, materials, manufacture of bandages, storage, bandages of commerce, Cabot's plaster bandages, the immediate preparation of bandages, application and removal of bandages. This chapter is followed by others on the application of plaster-of-Paris bandages to individual fractures, and in orthopædic surgery, etc. The chapter on plaster in dentistry which was incorporated in the first edition of the book is omitted in this.

**NURSES HANDBOOK OF DRUGS AND SOLUTIONS.** By Julia C. Stimson, R.N., Vassar A.B., Superintendent of Nurses, Harlem Hospital of Bellevue and Allied Hospitals, New York City. Price, \$1.00. Whitcomb and Barrows, Boston.

If one keeps in mind that this book is no more than its title proclaims it and adds the further limitation of the word "some" before "drugs and solutions" she will not be disappointed in the character and contents. One cannot read the author's preface without a sense of uneasiness—the book is "to present as much materia medica in a simple and useful form as is essential for a nurse to know;" this is its first object; its second is "to omit as far as possible all that is not essential, albeit interesting and useful." Turning then to the book proper we find set forth a brief list of drugs, in what the writer terms, "Practical Classification," the list is more than brief, it is attenuated; and such notes as are given regarding the action and use of the drugs are expressed in verbs and substantives. There is no appeal to the intelligence of the student and the exercise of memory required is similar to that needed to recite the multiplication table backward. The book undoubtedly has a place, but it should be carefully used and under no consideration allowed to usurp the office of the materia medica proper.